

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:	Adam <i>et al.</i>	Confirmation No.	6270
Serial No.	10/607,806	Art Unit:	1657
Filed:	June 27, 2003	Examiner:	Martin, Paul C.
Title	Therapeutic Methods for Reducing Fat Deposition and Treating Associated Conditions	Attorney Docket No.	11640-008-999

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated February 13, 2008, for the above-identified patent application, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group I, encompassing Claims 24-27, 29-34 and 41, drawn to a method of identifying a candidate therapeutic for fat reduction, comprising contacting a test molecule with a PLA2G1B nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

Enclosed herewith is a request for a Petition for Extension of time for one months up to and including April 13, 2008.

Applicants fully reserve the right to pursue non-elected subject matter in one or more later filed divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part applications.

Applicants believe that the claims of the instant application meet all of the conditions for patentability and are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

No fees, other than the fee for the extension of time, are believed to be due with this response. However, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (a)(3), the Commissioner is authorized to charge all required fees, or credit any overpayment, to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013 (167471-999008).

Respectfully submitted,

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